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In re Application of: **STAMFORD et al.**
Serial No.: 10/026,651
Filed: December 18, 2001

Remarks

This paper is in response to the Examiner Letter dated March 21, 2005, for the above-identified application. A response to the office action was originally due on April 21, 2005. Applicants are filing this response with a request for a one-month extension of time, herein attached, thus making this response timely if filed on or before May 21, 2005.

Claims 1-4, 12-14, 21-23 and 25-31 are pending in the application. As requested by the Examiner, applicants have amended claim 1. No new subject matter has been added to the subject application with the filing of this response. Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications on the subject matter that has been subject to restriction and continuation applications on the subject matter that has been deleted out of all currently amended claims.

Non-Elected Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 1-4, 12-14, 21-23 and 25-31 contain non-elected subject matter. Applicants amended claim 1 to conform with the elected subject matter of the reply filed on March 5, 2003, i.e. pyrazines, etc. Claim 1 as amended, in the selection of =A-B= and -X=Y- results as in pyrazine-type compounds. Applicants' amendment is supported by pages 56-67 of the specification and the compounds (Examples 10, 10-2, 10-3, 10A-10RR, 11 and 11A-11E) therein as well claims 2, 12, 13 and 14, which are drawn to pyrazine-type compounds as per the Examiner's request. Therefore, applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of this objection.

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the above response, applicants have sufficiently addressed the Examiner's rejections, objections and that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance.


If any additional fees are determined to be due by this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from **Account No. 19-0365**.

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The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney on any matter connected with this application.

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